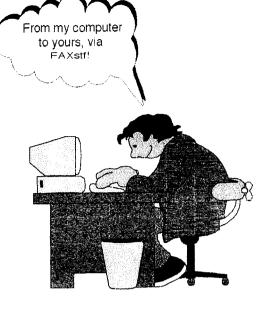
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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

For a long time I have followed the antitrust suit being brought on Microsoft by the Justice Department. After more than three years of litigation, a settlement has finally been reached. The purpose of this letter is to show my support for this settlement. This case has simply gone on far too long.

Unfortunately, some powerful opponents of Microsoft would like to see this settlement revoked, and are pressuring the Justice Department to withdraw this offer. They believe that the settlement does not go far enough. This is where I distinctly disagree. Under the terms of the settlement, Microsoft will allow easy access to its operating systems for competing software firms. Also under the terms of the settlement, Microsoft will be monitored full-time by the government, and can still face lawsuits from competing companies.

The government at the State and Federal levels must fully support the settlement for it t come to fruition. After three years and millions of dollars, isolated opponents should not be allowed to spoil the work of the DOJ to settle this case. I stand behind the settlement 100%, and appreciate this outlet to have my opinion count.

Sincerely

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